

R865. Tax Commission, Auditing.

R865-19S. Sales and Use Tax.

R865-19S-122. Sales and Use Tax Exemptions for Certain Purchases by a Web Search Portal Establishment Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Establishment" means a unit of operations that is generally at a single physical location in Utah, where qualifying activities are performed. If a business operates in more than one location (e.g., branch or satellite offices), each physical location is considered separately from any other locations operated by the same business.

(b) "Machinery and equipment" means electronic or mechanical devices having an economic life of three or more years including any accessory that controls the operation of the machinery and equipment.

(c) "New or expanding establishment" means:

(i)(A) the creation of a new web search portal establishment in this state; or

(B) the expansion of an existing Utah web search portal establishment if the expanded establishment increases services or is substantially different in nature, character, or purpose from the existing Utah web search portal establishment.

(ii) The operator of a web search portal establishment who closes operations at one location in this state and reopens the same establishment at a new location does not qualify as a new or expanding establishment without demonstrating that the move meets the conditions set forth in Subsection (1)(c)(i).

(2) The exemption for certain purchases by a web search portal establishment does not apply to purchases of items of tangible personal property that become part of the real property.

(3) Purchases of qualifying machinery and equipment are treated as purchases of tangible personal property under R865-19S-58, even if the item is affixed to real property upon installation.

(4) Machinery and equipment used for non-qualifying activities are eligible for the exemption if the machinery and equipment are primarily used in qualifying activities.

(5) The entity claiming the exemption shall retain records to support the claim that the machinery and equipment are qualified for exemption from sales and use tax under the provisions of this rule and Section 59-12-104.

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